

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Gregory B. Venema)	Examiner: Janell Combs Morillo
Serial No.: 10/706,846)	Group Art Unit: 1742
Confirmation No.: 6084)	Atty. Docket No.: 03-1257
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For : Method of Manufacturing Near-Net Shaped Alloy Product		

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

November 20, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated September 20, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be entered as record in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.